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NLM NEWS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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BOARD OF REGENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EXTRAMURAL PROGRAMS

With the approval of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service has established the Board of Regents Advisory Committee for Extramural Programs of the National Library of Medicine.

The Committee will assume for these programs the following responsibilities and functions of the National Advisory Health Council:

1. To advise the Surgeon General on policy matters concerned with the planning and development of extramural support of programs in library-related biomedical information and communications systems.

2. To review, advise, and make final recommendations concerning applications for research and other grants in the field.

The Committee will consist of the present appointive members of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine. The Surgeon General will serve as chairman.

The Committee has scheduled its first meeting for November 6, in conjunction with the 19th meeting of the Board of Regents.

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Charles L. Bernier has been appointed to the newly established position of Science Communication Specialist for the National Library of Medicine. An authority on technological advances in scientific communications, Dr. Bernier will be responsible for analyzing the Library's programs in all areas of its operation, including research, development, and application of new systems for collecting, storing, and disseminating the biomedical literature.

In welcoming Dr. Bernier to his staff, Dr. Martin M. Cummings, Director of the Library, said, "his extensive experience as a technical specialist in information management will greatly enhance the Library's resources and capacity for meeting the increasing needs of the biomedical community for scientific information."

Former Head of the Scientific Information Centers Program and Acting Chief of the Technical Communications Branch in the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Dr. Bernier has also served as Director and Technical Advisor of the Defense Documentation Center (formerly ASTIA). Earlier, he was Editor of Chemical Abstracts for the American Chemical Society, with which he had been associated since 1935.

A native of Minnesota, Dr. Bernier earned his B.S. in Industrial chemistry from Montana State College and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Carbohydrate Chemistry at the Ohio State University. He is a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, Phi Lambda Upsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, the American Institute of Chemists, the American Chemical Society, the American Documentation Institute, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the author of numerous scientific papers in the fields of chemistry, documentation, information, science, and scientific abstracting and indexing.

Robert M. Wilson has been appointed Public Information Officer for the Library. His duties will include developing and carrying out a broad program of public and professional information aimed at delineating the Library's role in the advancement of knowledge in medicine, public health, and related biological sciences.

Before joining the Library, Mr. Wilson served for more than five years on the information staff of the National Institutesof Health. Previously, he was a member of the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State.

Born in Montana, he attended the University of Missouri and the University of Maryland, where he obtained his B.A. degree. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Pi Delta Epsilon.

Joseph B. Foley has been appointed Scientific Publications Officer in the Library's Publications and Translations Division. He will be responsible for the scientific review and administration of grants and contracts in support of scientific publications. He will also serve as special staff consultant to the subcommittees of the PHS Advisory Committee on Scientific Publications.

Mr. Foley formerly served as Scientific Grants Assistant in the National Heart Institute and was a research worker in the laboratories of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

He received his A.B. degree in zoology, summa cum laude, from Brown University and later did graduate studies at Yale University. He is an associate member of Sigma Xi and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has co-authored many scientific articles.

Miss Charlotte Kenton has been appointed Head of the Search Unit in the Library's Bibliographic Services Division. She formerly served as Head of the Reference Unit in the National Institutes of Health Library, where she was responsible for preparing extensive bibliographies for the scientific staff.

Before joining NIH in 1953, Miss Kenton spent three years with the Army Medical Library. Earlier, she was associated with the Neurological Institute of New York. She holds a B.A. degree from Hunter College and an M.S. degree from Columbia University. She is a member of the Medical Library Association, the Society of Indexers of London, and the American Documentation Institute.

She has written articles for the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association and has contributed sections to monographs and reviews on diseases such as alkaptonuria and juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

DR. CUMMINGS ADDRESSES CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Dr. Martin M. Cummings, Director of NLM, will participate in the Conference on Computation for Cardiovascular Research, sponsored by the New York Academy of Sciences' Section of Biological and Medical Sciences and Division of Instrumentation, October 29 and 30 in New York.

In discussing the application of the Library's medical literature analysis and retrieval system to research problems in cardiovascular medicine, he will cite examples of recent bibliographies prepared by MEDLARS.

INDEX MEDICUS SUBSCRIPTION PRICE TO BE RAISED IN JANUARY

The National Library of Medicine has announced that increased printing costs have necessitated an increase in the annual subscription rates for the Index Medicus. Free distribution of the publication will be discontinued following the December issue.

Effective January 1965, the annual subscription rates will be $40 domestic and $49 foreign. Orders should be sent to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. It is suggested that subscription orders be placed as far in advance as possible.

The Cumulated Index Medicus, published by the American Medical Association, includes all the information carried in the monthly issues. Further information on CIM may be obtained from the Circulation and Records Department of the AMA at 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

DEMAND BIBLIOGRAPHIES PRODUCED BY MEDLARS

Following is a continuation of the lists of experimental demand searches of the biomedical literature produced by the Library's MEDLARS system. Since the requesters usually specify limitations in terms of subject matter, language, time, or other considerations, the bibliographies do not warrant wide dissemination and are, therefore, not available for distribution. They have been selected merely to give the scientific community an idea of the diversified subject areas covered by MEDLARS.

SUBJECTS

Bibliography on viruses
Environmental influences on cardiovascular disease
Nursing bibliography
Electrocardiography in the embryo
Ultrastructure of cardiac muscle in the embryonic heart

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